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Application No.: 10/628,556 Confirmation No.: 1804  
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Title: TURBOFAN CASE AND METHOD OF MAKING  
Group Art Unit: 3746  
Examiner: KIM, Tae Jun  
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant would like to point out that the term "expendable" is a term of the art referring to an engine's design, not its end use. The unauthorized hijacking and intentional crashing of an aircraft powered by engines having a conventional civilian (i.e. non-expendable) design does not somehow transform the engine into an expendable engine. A non-expendable engine does not become an engine of "expendable" design merely because someone has chosen to expend the engine. The reasons for allowance are therefore not entirely consistent with how those skilled in the art use the term "expendable".

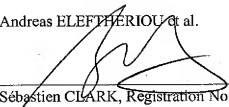
Respectfully submitted,

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